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SUBJ: PALESTINE ITEM IN UNGA

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1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH AMB EL SHAFEI, DIR INTL ORG AFFAIRS,
MFA, ON SEPTEMBER 12TH A/DCM MADE POINT THAT PROGRESS HAD
BEEN MADE IN PAST MONTHS TOWARD ACHIEVING PEACE IN MIDDLE
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EAST AND THAT DELICATE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WAS STILL

CONTINUING. THE US WAS VERY DESIROUS OF PRESERVING THE ATMOSPHERE FOR PEACE BY AVOIDING POLEMIC DEBATES ON MIDDLE EAST IN UNGA. WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT OTHER NATIONS WOULD ASSIST IN ENCHANCING THE ATMOSPHERE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NEXT VERY IMPORTANT MONTHS. WE PARTICULARLY HOPED GOE WULD ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT.

2. EL SHAFEI THEN RESPONDED ARAB LEAGUE HAS DECIDED TO RAISE THE PLO ISSUED IN UNGA. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS WILL BE BROUGHT UP IN PLENARY OR IN COMMITTEE. "I MUST EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, DEBATE IN UNGA WILL LIKELY BE HEATED. THERE IS PROBABLY NO AVOIDANCE OF THIS, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS A NEW ITEM." DESPITE THESE CIRCUMSTANCES "WE (I.E. US AND GOE) SHOULD NOT BE DEFLECTED FROM REAL PURPOSE WHICH IS CONTINUING TO CREATE CONDITIONS FOR SOLVING MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM".

3. EL SHAFEI SAID FONMIN FAHMY AND OTHER FONMINS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS PALESTINE ISSUE PRIOR TO UNGA. ALTHOUGH UNGA DEBATES ON ME MATTERS MAY NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE SITUATION, THEY WILL SERVE TO DISSIPATE ENERGIES OF THOSE GROUPS(I.E. EXTREMIST ELEMENTS) WISHING TO HAMPER OR DESTROY CHANCES OF A SETTLEMENT.

4. EL SHAFEI SAID HE WULD PROMPTLY PASS ON US VIEWS CONCERNING AVOIDING HEATED DISCUSSIONS ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUED TO SENIOR OFFICIALS IN GOE. HE MENTIONED THAT EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THE MATTER OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE PALESTINE ISSUE IN THE UNGA WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

5. EARLIER SAME DAY, AMERICAN DESK OFFICER IN MFA, SHILBAYA, MADE POINT DURING DISUCSSION OF OTHER MATTERS, THAT HE WAS AWARE OF USG'S CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE POLEMICAL DEBATES ON ME IN UNGA WHICH WOULD BE DELETERIOUS TO PROGRESS TOWARD GENEVA. SHILBAYA SAID "OUR GOVERNMENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO WORK ON TWO LEVELS. WHILE THERE MAY BE NOISY STATEMENTS IN THE UN, WEMUST CONTINUE VIGOROUSLY TO WORK BEHIND SCENES FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND KEEP ON ROAD TO CONFIDENTIAL

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